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National Dental and Dental  
Hygiene Examinations  
Progress and Issues

Various members of the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board (WDEB) have been active in assisting in and supporting the development of the National Dental and Dental Hygiene Examination for licensure. The WDEB will keep you informed on its progress through this Digest and WDEB minutes.

This important issue maintains the mission of the WDEB to ensure independent third-party protection for our dental consumers while allowing improved mobility to qualified dental and dental hygiene credential holders. The National Exam is scheduled to begin in the fall of 2005, as it has been adopted by both CRDTS and NERB. It is anticipated that at least 42

states will accept the examination for initial licensure for the upcoming class.

Simultaneously, members of the WDEB, for the first time, are taking part in regional exams with the Southern Regional Testing Agency, (SRTA) and the Northeast Examining Regional Board (NERB) with the intent of exploring and recommending WDEB acceptance of those examinations for licensure within the state of Wisconsin.

## Orthodontic Dental Assistants

Recently the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board has received a number of practice questions regarding what duties assistants can perform in orthodontic specialty practices and/or with general dentists practicing orthodontics in their offices. In response to these recently asked questions the procedures below cannot be performed by assistants:

1. Activate any removable or fixed appliance(s) and/or arch wires.
2. Cement or bond any orthodontic bands, brackets or appliances.
3. Remove residual composite or cement with any rotary or ultrasonic instrument(s).

These procedures of concern are beyond the scope of an unlicensed person as stated in Chapter DE 12.01. (Note: this is not an all inclusive list of procedures an assistant can or cannot do – these are answers to the specific questions asked of the Board.)

## Foreign Trained Evaluation Programs for Graduates of Dental Education Programs

The Wisconsin statutes 447.04 (1)(b) and Wis. Admin. Code DE 4.02 stipulate that evaluation programs for graduates from dental education programs in other countries outside the United States shall be approved by the Wisconsin Dentistry Examining Board (WDEB). The WDEB has conducted an extensive search and investigated all existing evaluation programs only to find that no program currently exists to adequately establish equivalency with ADA accredited programs. The outcome of this finding is that all applicants seeking dental licensure in the state of Wisconsin must:

1. be a graduate of an ADA accredited school resulting in a DDS or DMD;
2. pass National Boards I and II;
3. successfully pass either Central Regional Testing Service (CRDTS), Western Regional Examining Board (WREB) or American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX) examination.

## Laser Use by Dental Hygienists is outside Scope of Practice

The Board has become aware of numerous attempts throughout the state to promote the use of lasers by dental hygienists as a part of soft tissue management. The use of lasers for periodontal pocket reduction by hygienists is not considered within their scope of practice and is therefore not permitted by Wisconsin statutes. At the same time, while it is permissible for dentists to use lasers for these procedures, any dentist contemplating their use may want to refer to the Academy of Periodontology article entitled, "Statement Regarding Use of Dental Lasers for Excisional New Attachment Procedure."

## **Deanna Zychowski - 2005 Federation of State Medical Board Meritorious Service Award Winner**

The WDEB congratulates Ms. Zychowski on being selected and recognized for her contributions as an integral part of DRL and medical/dental licensure. She has given her heart to the field of health care regulation and licensing – making a difference in everyone's lives she has touched. Deanna - you are the best!

## **Welcome Anne N. Taylor, New WDEB Public Member and Linda Bohacek, R.D.H.**

The WDEB welcomed Anne N. Taylor, its newest Public Member, at the May 4, 2005 Board meeting. Ms. Taylor brings years of healthcare and finance knowledge with her – most recently as a Financial/Quality Analyst for Madison Medical Affiliates, Inc. in Milwaukee. She received her B. A. from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and will serve a term until July 2008. Best of luck and welcome Ms. Taylor!

Ms. Bohacek lives in Eau Claire, received her dental hygiene degree from Southern Illinois University, M.A. in Education from Columbia University and currently works as a Western Regional Oral Health consultant with Eau Claire Health Department and clinical dental hygienist at Oakwood Hills Animal Hospital.

## **Appointed Member - Dr. Lori Barbeau**

Awaiting final confirmation of her appointment, Dr. Barbeau brings a vast and varied background of experience to the WDEB. Dr. Barbeau received her DDS from Marquette University, has been a pediatric dentist at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin since 1987 and hails from New Berlin.

## **Visit <http://drl.wi.gov> to access WDEB information!**

A very user-friendly State of Wisconsin, Department of Regulation and Licensing website that includes dental and dental hygiene licensing information is right at your fingertips. From the home page you can link to dentistry through health professions or boards for statutes, code books, board members, minutes, rules, meeting dates, regulatory digests, agendas and white papers.

Verifications are now available online also by clicking on license lookup.

Renewals and address changes can also be completed electronically.

## **2005 WDEB – Meeting Schedule**

Wednesday, January 19, 2005

Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Wednesday, September 28, 2005

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m. and are usually in Room 179-A.

## **DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Disciplinary summaries are taken from orders that can be reviewed on the Department of Regulation and Licensing Web site: <http://drl.wi.gov/index.htm>. Click on "Discipline/Orders." Under "Reports of Decisions." You can either search by name, or use "Reports for the Current Year" or "Prior Years" to access an order. Please note that the Orders are subject to court review, and discipline may be stayed pending an appeal. Progress of cases in court may be reviewed at [www.courts.state.wi.us](http://www.courts.state.wi.us). Current license status may be verified under "Lookup License Info" on the Department's website.

The summaries below are drafted by members of the Board. The Dentistry Examining Board views the Digest not only as an announcement of disciplines, but also as an educational tool for our license holders.

**LYNN RANDEL DDS  
MINERALPOINT, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

Dr. Randel performed dental cleanings on three siblings on December 30, 1999, but billed as if the services were performed on January 3, 2000, because the parents had insurance that wasn't in effect until January 1, 2000. Forfeiture of \$500 and costs of \$450. Effective 3/3/04. Violated DE 5.02(8), Wis. Admin. Code. LS0403033DEN

**THOMAS LARKIN DMD  
DEPERE, WI  
REPRIMAND/COSTS**

Dr. Larkin was disciplined in Illinois for prescribing and dispensing hydrocodone products to his mother on an ongoing basis for 2 years beginning in 1996 for a non-dental condition. He also failed to keep required records of his ordering, storage, and dispensing. Dr. Larkin also self prescribed hydrocodone and benzodiazepine products for dental and non-dental conditions. All requirements regarding his Illinois license have since been met, although his Illinois controlled substance permit is still suspended. Costs of \$700. Effective 3/3/04. Violated DE 5.02(3) and (14), Wis. Admin. Code. LS0403031DEN

**LANCE ORLINSKI DDS  
WAUPUN, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

Dr. Orlinski prepared two teeth for restoration on the wrong patient. Similarities in the name of the two patients caused the wrong folder to be pulled prior to the procedure. Forfeiture of \$250 and

costs of \$250. Effective 3/3/04. Violated s. 447.07(3)(h), Wis. Stats. LS0403032DEN

**ZOLYA GELLER DDS  
MILWAUKEE, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

Between 1998 and 2000, Dr. Geller treated a patient and failed to remove all existing amalgam restoration material before placing resin restorations, failed to detect and treat decay, left open margins on crowns, and failed to address the patient's periodontal conditions. With the cooperation of the Board, he successfully completed a one week didactic and clinical course in restorative dentistry. Forfeiture of \$500 and costs of \$1250. Effective 5/5/04. Violated DE 5.02(5) Wis. Admin. Code. LS0307151DEN

**GEORGE WARREN DDS  
MIDDLETON, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

From September 30, 2001 until August, 5, 2002, Dr. Warren practiced with an expired license. Forfeiture of \$250 and costs of \$250. Effective 7/7/04. Violated DE 5.02(26) Wis. Admin. Code. LS0407072DEN

**LEE KRAHENBUHL  
OSHKOSH, WI  
REVOCATION/COSTS**

In April 2001, a patient presented himself to Dr. Krahenbuhl for an initial dental examination, necessary dental x-rays and a consultation. Dr. Krahenbuhl delegated the consultation to Janet Krahenbuhl RDH, his spouse, office manager, and dental hygienist. Through the consultation, the patient was informed that he had thirteen cavities requiring immediate treatment, at an estimated cost of \$1500. Three independent examinations by other dentists disclosed that the patient had no active caries and that his existing restorations continued to be serviceable. Dr.

Krahenbuhl's license was previously suspended for a period of thirty days, and he was ordered to complete remedial education in business ethics due to a misdemeanor criminal conviction for false representation in violation of Wisconsin's medical assistance program. By a Dentistry Board Order entered in May 2002, Dr. Krahenbuhl was disciplined in connection with his performance of a multi-millimeter apical overfill and false representation of records related thereto. Costs to be determined. Effective 7/21/04. Violated s. 447.07(3)(a) and (i), Wis. Stats. LS0208121DEN

Currently, this order is on hold during the appeal process.

**DOUGLAS DAVIES DDS  
WAUKESHA, WI  
LIMITED/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

On August 14, 2003, an inspection of the dental office of Dr. Davies revealed a failure to disinfect the lead apron between uses, failure to have soap or towels by the sinks in either the lab or the sterilization area, failure to put all of the instruments into bags for sterilization to prevent post-sterilization contamination, failure to use the ultrasonic on all instruments, failure to wear masks or protective glasses with side shields, failure to use gloved hands to transfer contaminated instruments from the front of the building (the operatory) to the sterilization room in the back of the building and the general office appearance being cluttered, unkempt and unclean. Dr. Davies was required to complete a course in proper infection control practices and submit to four (4) quarterly unannounced inspections within one year. Forfeiture of \$250 and costs of \$500. Effective 7/7/04. Violated DE 5.02(5), Wis. Admin. Code. LS 00407071DEN

**EMMA FUNK RDH  
APPLETON, WI  
SUSPENSION/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

During the course of ten years, Ms. Funk failed to perform minimally adequate dental prophylaxes on a number of long time patients at her place of employment. Her license was suspended for two weeks, effective October 1, 2004. Forfeiture of \$500 and costs of \$1900. Effective 9/1/04. Violated DE 5.02(5), Wis. Admin. Code. LS0409011DEN

**JOHN SYVERSON DDS  
HAYWARD, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

From 1997 to 2000, Dr. Syverson treated three patients and failed to diagnose existing dental caries. Dr. Syverson was directed to complete a board-approved course in dental radiography and submit to a random inspection of his clinical records. Forfeiture of \$200 and costs of \$200. Effective 11/3/04. Violated s. 447.07(3)(a), Wis. Stats. and DE 5.02(1) and (5) Wis. Admin. Code. LS0411031DEN

**JOSEPH KOTNOUR DDS  
LA CROSSE, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

Dr. Kotnour provided dental services for his children and filed dental claims with the insurance company. Each claim was denied based on "OA" ("Services denied because coverage guidelines were exceeded or not met" meaning exclusion of services performed by a family member). Dr. Kotnour then resent the claims with his name whited-out and his dental partner's name written in its place as the provider. Forfeiture of \$500 and costs of \$750. Effective 11/3/04. Violated s. 447.07(3)(i), Wis. Stats. and DE 5.02(8) Wis. Admin. Code. LS0411033DEN

**BRUCE NEWMAN DDS  
MILWAUKEE, WI  
LIMITED/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

In October 2001, Dr. Newman performed two root canals on a patient. Dr. Newman failed to fill the canals and failed to take intra-operative and post-operative radiographs.

License is limited by the condition that he may not perform any endodontic procedure other than pulp capping and emergency pulpotomy. Forfeiture of \$500 and costs of \$1212.53. Effective 11/3/04. Violated s. 447.07(3)(h), Wis. Stats. LS0405101DEN

**THOMAS KISSNER DDS  
GREEN BAY, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

On three separate occasions in 1999, Dr. Kissner signed prescription orders for controlled substances for a colleague without entering the prescriptions into the dental chart. The colleague was not a patient of Dr. Kissner. Forfeiture of \$300 and costs of \$1000. Effective 1/19/05. Violated s. 447.07(3)(a), Wis. Stats. and DE 5.02(6) Wis. Admin. Code. LS0501193DEN

**ALAN LEVER DDS  
GLENDALE, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

On six separate occasions from 1998 to 2000, Dr. Lever signed prescription orders for controlled substances for a colleague and his wife without entering the prescriptions into the dental chart. Neither the colleague nor the colleague's wife was a patient of Dr. Lever. Forfeiture of \$600 and costs of \$1000. Effective 1/19/05. Violated 447.07(3)(a), Wis Stats. and DE 5.02(6) Wis. Admin. Code. LS0501194DEN

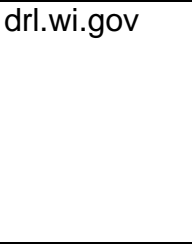
**JAMES WARD DDS  
MENOMINEE FALLS, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

On six separate occasions in 1998-2000, Dr. Ward signed written prescription orders for controlled substances for a colleague, without entering the prescriptions into the dental chart. Dr. Ward was a patient at the clinic, which also employed both himself and the colleague, but Dr. Ward never charted any treatment of the colleague as having been done by him, personally. Each of the orders was issued at the request of the colleague, who prepared the orders for respondent's signature. On Feb. 1999, Dr. Ward signed a written prescription order for a controlled substance for the wife of the colleague. The wife was a patient of his, but no entry was made in the patient's chart. This order was issued at the request of the colleague, who prepared the order for respondent's signature. Forfeiture of \$700 and costs of \$1000. Effective 1/19/05. Violated s. 447.07(3)(a), Wis Stats. and DE 5.02(6) Wis Admin. Code. LS0501195DEN

**FREDERICK BALLERINI DDS  
MILWAUKEE, WI  
REPRIMAND/FORFEITURE/COSTS**

In October 2000, Dr. Ballerini signed a prescription order for a controlled substance for a colleague without entering the prescription into the dental chart. The colleague was not a patient of Dr. Ballerini. Forfeiture of \$100 and costs of \$1000. Effective 1/19/05. Violated s. 447.07(3)(a), Wis. Stats. and DE 5.02(6) Wis. Admin. Code. LS0501191DEN

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